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Litterarum Cæſarearum ad Regem Magnæ Brittanniæ GUILIELMUM III.

Viennæ, 16. Junii, 1689.

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LEOPOLDUS, &c.

QUod Nos Serenitas Veſtra de Sua & Sereniſſimæ Conjugis Suæ ad Regium Magnæ Brittanniæ thronum elevatione per litteras Suas, ſub initium nuperi menſis Martii ad Nos exaratas, certiores reddere voluerit, nova & luculenta ſignificatio eſt non interruptæ illius neceſſitudinis & benevolentiæ, qua Nos & res Auguſtæ Domûs Noſtræ hûcuſque inceſſanter proſecuta eſt: quam cum, juxta ac Serenitatis Veſtræ perſonam, & ſingularia in Rempublicam merita ſemper plurimùm æſtimaverimus, nunc quoque, quæ à Divino Numine Eidem adjiciuntur incrementa, ornamentáque, tantò lætiores ad animum noſtrum admittimus, Veſtræque Serenitati gratulamur, quantò exaugeſcente Ejuſdem potentia plus communi cauſæ præſidii & auxilii acceſſurum eſſe compertum habemus. Itaque ut Serenitatis Veſtræ evectio tam ad ipſius gloriam quàm ad utriuſque Regnorum & Provinciarum commodum, & ad tranquillitatem per Orbem Chriſ-

THE Emperors LETTER TO *William* III. King of Great *Britain*.

Licenſed *July* 16. 1689. J. Fraſer.

LEOPOLD, &c.

THE Notice which Your Serenity has been pleaſed, by Your Letter written at the beginning of the Month of *March* laſt paſt, to give Us of the Acceſſion of Your Self and Your moſt Serene Conſort to the Royal Throne of Great *Britain*, is a freſh and plain Teſtimony of the uninterrupted Friendſhip and Kindneſs You have always had for Us and our Auguſt Family: Which Friendſhip, together with the Perſon of Your Serenity and Your ſignal Services for the Univerſal Good, We having always highly eſteemed; We do with ſo much the greater joy conſider within Our Self and congratulate to Your Serenity theſe illuſtrious additions of Glory which the Divine Providence has beſtow'd upon You; by how much we are perſuaded that from this Increaſe of Your Power the Common Cauſe will receive a greater Support and Aſſiſtance. Therefore ſincerely wiſhing that this high Honour of Your Serenity may be as well for Your own Glory, as for the advantage of Your ſeveral Realms and Provinces, and alſo for the procu-

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tianum aſſerendam, ſtabiliendámque benè vertat, ſincerè exoptantes, Eidem pro amica notificatione eas, quas par eſt, gratias rependimus, Veſtramque Serenitatem de Nobis ſic exiſtimare cupimus, ut qui nihil deliberatius in animo habeamus, quàm veteris Noſtræ ergà Eandem amiciſſimæ voluntatis & benevolentiæ conſtantiam, novis identidem officiis declarare, & non tantùm fœdera interioriſque amicitiæ vincula, quæ Nobis & Sacro Romano Imperio jam olim cum inclyto Magnæ Britanniæ Regno intercedunt, obſervare, & rata habere, ſed etiam quicquid ad publicam Imperii, & Regnorum utriuſque utilitatem facere poterit, id omne Noſtra ex parte promptiſſimè diligentiſſiméque conferre; id quod eò ſanctiùs Nos præſtituros recipimus, quò magis perſuaſi ſumus, Serenitatem Veſtram erga Catholicæ Religionis Noſtræ conſortes, quietos, fideles dictoque audientes eâ moderatione & benignitate uſuram eſſe, quam & ipſa tum antehac ſemper in Provinciis Fœderati Belgii, tum nuper ſub abitum ſuum in Angliam Nobis per litteras teſtata eſt, & Nos Eidem tunc enixè commendavimus. Quâ ſpe freti, Serenitatem Veſtram tutelæ Divinæ ad proſperos rerum ſucceſſus ex animo commendamus. Datum Viennæ, 16 Jun. 1689.

ring and eſtabliſhing the Tranquillity of Chriſtendom: We give You for this Meſſage all condign Thanks, and deſire Your Serenity to have this Opinion of Us, that we deſign nothing more heartily than by repeated Services to manifeſt our Conſtancy in obſerving the antient Friendſhip and Amity between Us and Your Serenity: and not only exactly to keep and obſerve thoſe Alliances and mutual Ties which have long been between Our Self, the Sacred *Roman* Empire, and the Noble Realm of Great *Britain*; but We will on Our parts moſt readily and diligently contribute to whatſoever ſhall be for the common Good of the Empire and of Your reſpective Realms. And this We do the more religiouſly promiſe to make good, becauſe We are perſuaded Your Serenity will treat thoſe of your Subjects of our Catholic Religion, who are peaceable, faithful and obedient, with the ſame Moderation and Benignity, which heretofore You uſed always in the *United Provinces* of the *Netherlands*, and whereof lately You aſſured Us by Your Letters upon Your arrival in *England*, and which then We ſo earneſtly recommended to You. VVith theſe hopes, We heartily recommend Your Serenity to the Divine Protection for all proſperous Succeſs in Your Affairs. Given at *Vienna*, *June* 16. 1689.

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